

**Re: What is a Beam-splitter, Beam-spreader, and where can I find the holographic**

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**Message:**

Dear Sean, A beam splitter is a partially silvered mirror which allows you to divide a beam of light into two parts, one which reflects off of the mirror and one which goes through it. A beam spreader is a sytem of lenses which takes a beam of light and makes it wider. A good place to find optics supplies for science projects is [edmund scientific](http://www.edmundscientific.com) which also sells a short manual on how to make holgrams. There is also a nice web page at [www.holostudios.com](http://www.holostudios.com) that talks about the science and art of holography. I hope this gives you a place to start. Larry

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